

THE LADY WHO LOOKS YOUNG FOREVER

is in trouble:
the famous place she has gone to for all these
years for
face-lifts
refuses to give her
another:
the skin on her face is stretched so
tight
that she's like a balloon about to
burst
and they will not accept the
responsibility
of having her smile into another
camera
and exploding
like a tomato blasted by a
firecracker
all over the lens and all over
the people.

poor doll.
she's just another one of our
ageless
stars.
but have cheer: she'll never
die: film lasts longer than we
do.

OH, YES

there are worse things than
being alone
but it often takes decades
to realize this
and most often
when you do
it's too late
and there's nothing worse
than
too late.

— Charles Bukowski

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